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July 23, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: EUGENE C. LEE, DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

FROM: MELVIN N. KAKU, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: FARRINGTON HIGHWAY WIDENING, OLD FORT WEAVER ROAD  
TO KAPOLEI GOLF COURSE ROAD, PROJECT NO. STP 0300

This responds to your July 12, 2007 memorandum related to the subject project.

In your memorandum, it was incorrectly stated that our department's recommendation was to hold planning activities for the subject project until completion of the PE/FEIS for the fixed guideway project. On the contrary, our recommendation is that DDC continues planning activities including the completion of the environmental assessment for the project.

At our June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, it was stated that the continuation of the planning efforts for the proposed widening and safety improvements of Farrington Highway would not have an impact on the fixed guideway project. We stated that our current plans for the fixed guideway indicate that the fixed guideway system would be approximately 200 feet makai and parallel to the existing Farrington Highway right-of-way (ROW). As you recall, DDC and DTS agreed that we would request a 5-year extension to authorize planning beyond the 10-year limit so that DDC's planning activity will continue to be eligible for FHWA funding.

We are surprised that you reiterated Mr. Char's suggestion to include an environmental assessment of the Farrington Highway project as part of the

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fixed guideway project. At that time, we clearly stated that inclusion of an assessment will delay the fixed guideway project.

DTS is not in a position to consider your second suggested option to inform the State Department of Transportation that we are willing to forgo Federal planning funds already committed to the Farrington Highway project. That decision is an administrative matter that your department should discuss with the Managing Director and the Mayor.



for MELVIN N. KAKU

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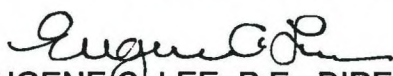


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July 12, 2007

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: MELVIN N. KAKU, DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

FROM:   
EUGENE C. LEE, P.E., DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: FARRINGTON HIGHWAY WIDENING, OLD FORT WEAVER ROAD TO  
KAPOLEI GOLF COURSE ROAD, PROJECT NO. STP 0300 (63)

This is in response to your July 3, 2007, memorandum regarding the subject Farrington Highway Widening project. Although the planning effort was started about 10 years ago, the environmental documentation (EA) and preliminary engineering (PE) work still remains to be completed.

In the June 13, 2007, meeting with you and your staff, the recommendation by your department was to hold the planning activities for Farrington Highway in abeyance until the completion of the PE/FEIS for the Transit project (tentatively set at end of 2008). The consultant contract with Belt Collins is still open; however, an amendment to the scope and fee to that contract would probably be necessary to properly address the roadway requirements in consideration of the existing and planned developments and transit/transportation facilities for the area. Additional funding would be required for this amendment; this amount is not known at this time.

In consideration of the transit schedule, and the planning and design work to be done for the Farrington Highway project, it was related in the June 13 meeting, that it would not be possible to begin construction in 5 years. At this point in time, a rough estimate for the completion of the planning/design efforts with consultant services would be about 5 to 6 years after the completion of the Transit PE/FEIS.

If the City is interested in the completion of the planning and design of the Farrington Highway improvements in a more reasonable timeframe, we offer two (2)

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suggestions. In the June 13 meeting, it was suggested that the Transit EIS incorporate the Farrington Highway widening as a way to expedite the implementation of the widening project. Although this option was not endorsed by DTS as a viable approach, perhaps it should be reconsidered if it is the desire of the City to complete the Planning documents for the Farrington Highway project quicker. Another option is to inform SDOT that the City is committed to implementing the Farrington Highway widening improvements as a future project; that the City will forego utilizing the remaining Federal funds (about \$195,000) in the Belt Collins' contract; and that the City will conduct the planning and design efforts for Farrington Highway, with new consultant contracts utilizing only City funds, after the completion of the Transit PE/FEIS.

If you have any questions, please contact Marvin Char at 768-8836.

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